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Johnson's Island
Block #11

Dec 10th 1863

Dear Mother

I received your letter dated dec 3^d & hasten to answer the same. I hope that the state of things you speak of will not continue always & if so we may be able to do better some where else, but at present I fear that there is no better; and in jumping out of the frying pan you would find further troubles in the fire. Let me know in your next how your finances are; if you have enough for all your purposes this I should like to know and father's account for I know he will ask me as soon as he sees me. you need not have any anxiety about me for I am doing as well as can be expected if our quarters

open they are all the healthier; for if they were tight crowded as they are we would be all sick for you know there is a proverb, that "it is an ill wind that blows no good" and without plenty of wind our preserves knew we could not be healthy. I wrote you that I had received the bundle & ten dollars for the other - \$5 has as yet not come to hand. Write to the old gentleman, but do not speak about the bad prospects of exchange. tell him I am doing well & have every thing I need & my spirits are in the best possible plight; for you know how easily worried he is at the slightest possible thing & I am really doing well: did he I. G. say he was well in his letter. My love to Mr & Mrs Stub and C. when you write & reserve a large proportion of the above named articles for yourself your devoted son. J. G. Clemson